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To: ITA Transportation Providers
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Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2003, the maximum allowable fees for the ITA Transportation program will remain at their current levels.

Maximum Allowable Fees

The 2003 Washington State Legislature **has not appropriated a vendor rate increase** for the 2004 state fiscal year. Therefore, the maximum allowable fees for the ITA Transportation program will remain at their current levels.

Coding Changes

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all healthcare payers to process and pay electronic claims using a standardized set of procedure codes. MAA is discontinuing state-unique codes and modifiers and will require the use of applicable Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™) and Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes on all submitted claims. MAA is currently upgrading the claims processing system, and state-unique procedure codes used in the ITA Transportation program. These codes will be discontinued by October 2003. MAA will notify providers of all coding changes in a later memorandum.

To obtain this document electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).

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